

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on June 30, 2005, and the reference cited therewith.

Claims 1-12 and 32-34 are canceled; as a result, claims 13-31 are now pending in this application. Claims 15, 21, and 30 have been amended to correct grammatical and typographical errors.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-10 and 32-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hunt (U.S. 5,581,229) in view of Gorecki (U.S. 4,556,866).

Claims 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hunt in view of Gorecki as applied in claim 1 above and further in view of Propp et al. (U.S. 4,815,106).

In order to compete the prosecution of the present application claims 1-10 and 32-34 have been cancelled without prejudice to their being re-presented in a continuation application. Applicant does not concede that there is any merit to the rejections of the now-cancelled claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13-31 were allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the cancellation of all of the rejected claims and the previous allowance of claims 13-31, Applicant respectfully submits that there are no remaining issues and respectfully requests a prompt notification of allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6970 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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